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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM - DRESSER
INDUSTRIES

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR
INSURED INVESTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OPIC IS
CURRENTLY EVALUATING A SELECTED NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN A
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND COUNTRIES. AS DRESSER'S MYKOBAR
MINING BARITE/BENTONITE OPERATIONS INVOLVE A NUMBER OF
RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS FOR WHICH APPROPRIATE
SAFEGUARDS WERE CONTEMPLATED, OPIC REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMA-
TION AS POSSIBLE.

A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
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THE PROJECT IS NOT MAKING CONCERNED EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT OR IS NOT COMPLYING WITH GOG LAWS AND REGULA-
TIONS IN THIS REGARD?

B. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN DRESSER AND
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND/OR LOCAL CITIZENRY OVER ENVIRON-
MENTAL ISSUES? ARE THERE RECENT OR PENDING STATUTES OR

REGULATIONS THAT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT DRESSER'S OPERATIONS?

C. WHAT IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC IMAGE OF DRESSER WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OR ABUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT?

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY BE AWARE.

2. FYI: OPIC HAS WRITTEN TO DRESSER IN THE U.S. AS PART OF OUR MONITORING OF THIS PROJECT.

3. THE OPIC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM IS AN OPEN-MINDED ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, OF OPIC-SUPPORTED U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS WILL BE AN ON-GOING PROGRAM OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE THAT MAY INVOLVE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL. OPIC APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS ON THIS PROGRAM AND/OR THE DRESSER PROJECT.

4. OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST ON-SITE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE.

RATHER, POST MAY USE ITS DISCRETION AND IF JUDGED ADEQUATE, SHOULD DRAW ON ITS FILES AND OTHER READILY UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING REPLY. WHILE OPIC DOES NOT INTEND TO BURDEN POST WITH THIS REQUEST, REPLY BY MID-JUNE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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